



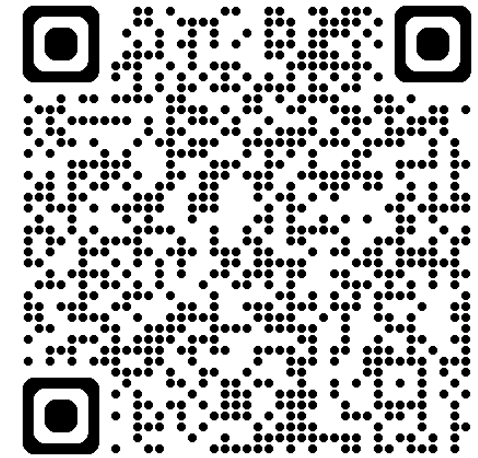
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Reconciliation 2.0 / Appropriations

1. Senate passed a budget resolution (50–48) launching “Reconciliation 2.0” to fund DHS and border enforcement, using a simple majority process that bypasses the filibuster.
2. Directs committees to produce legislation by mid-May with up to ~\$70B in spending authority per committee for immigration enforcement priorities (ICE, CBP, DHS operations).
3. Decisions will directly impact counties through funding for FEMA, emergency management, and cybersecurity programs that support local response and resilience.
4. Next step: House must adopt the resolution before final legislation advances; NACo is advocating to protect county priorities in upcoming funding decisions.



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OMB proposes major overhaul of federal grant rules

- **Executive Order 14332 (Aug 2025)** - Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking
- **May 29, OMB proposed rule rewriting 2 CFR Part 200, commonly referred to as Uniform Guidance, that governs federal grants**
- **Key Takeaways (45 Day Review Window; July 13)**
 - 2 CFR Subtitle A reclassified to regulation
 - New Discretionary Termination Authority
 - New Policy Requirements on Eos on DEI, gender ideology, transition procedures, and disparate-impact theories
 - Fixed-amount awards eliminated
 - Political Appointee Review/Approval
 - Required Treasury Do Not Pay verification / SAM.gov reporting
 - 10-Day Mandatory Disclosures
 - Recipient and subrecipient event or public forum requirements on any public lands include viewpoint-neutral terms and conditions against (regardless if federal funds are being used)



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Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grants

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2027 (H.R. 8495) provides just \$15 million, \$30 million below the FY 2026 enacted level. NACo is urging the Senate to restore funding to at least the \$45 million floor.

Counties are asking congress for:

- Restore HAVA Election Security Grants to \$45 million at minim – persistent, predictable and dedicated resources in administering federal elections.
- String funding for the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Salaries and Expenses' Account ahead of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.1 update.

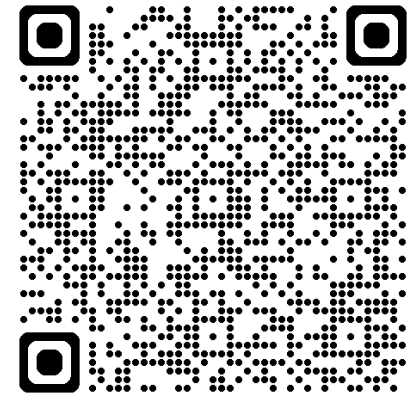


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EPA Funding

1. House Appropriations Committee released FY27 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill
2. NACo's top water priorities are funding for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs and the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA)
3. Bill includes \$1.19 billion for the Clean Water SRF and \$911 million for the Drinking Water SRF
4. NACo has engaged with leadership of House and Senate Appropriations to advocate for water infrastructure programs

Counties should continue to urge their Congressional delegation to support full funding for water infrastructure programs in FY27.



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CISA CIRCIA Town Hall

1. The Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) is hosting a virtual town hall for counties – and other critical infrastructure – to discuss an ongoing rulemaking under the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act (CIRCIA) on **June 16 from 11:30am – 3:30pm ET**
2. CIRCIA requires all covered entities – including counties – to report covered cyber incidents to a centralized federal reporting center within 72 hours, and all ransom payments within 24 hours
3. CISA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in 2024 to define covered incidents and other definitions, and NACo provided comment on the need for more clarity and for the reporting structure to be minimally burdensome for counties.
4. We recommend counties attend the town hall to learn more and provide feedback directly to the agency



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AI Executive Order and Pending Legislation

1. On Tuesday June 2, the White House signed an Executive Order seeking to increase cybersecurity defenses as new and emerging AI frontier models are identifying vulnerabilities at an increasing pace
2. The White House has called on federal agencies to establish an AI cybersecurity clearinghouse that calls for *voluntary* collaboration with AI providers to test and vet frontier AI models before public release, and calls on agencies to produce and disseminate cybersecurity resources to counties and other critical infrastructure sectors
3. The Executive Order comes as legislation in Congress seeking to govern AI is gaining new steam. On Thursday June 4, Congressmembers Jay Obernolte (R-Calif.) and Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) introduced a new AI package bill with provisions that include state AI law preemption, testing requirements for AI models, and more.



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